(c) According to the NATPAC Study, the reasons for high rate of accidents are fast-growing urbanisation, increase in transport activities due to economic growth, vehicle growth, traffic congestion, poor road conditions, poor enforcement of traffic rules etc.

The steps taken on a continuing basis to reduce accidents are tightening of rules and regulations for issue of driving licence, strict medical tests, vehicle certification tests, enforcement of safe axle weights, geometric inter-section improvements.

The State Governments have been advised for setting up of driver training schools to impart scientific and comprehensive training in driving and also implement scheme of highway patrolling.

Streamlining of D. T. C.

*338. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to streamline the administration and strengthen the vigilance cell of the Delhi Transport Corporation;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what short term and long term steps Government propose to take to meet the growing number of commuters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) DTC has reported that for the purpose of streamlining the administration, including its Vigilance Cell, the following steps have been initiated—

(i) Four Regional offices have been established and the administrative and operational functions are being decentralized with adequate delegation of powers;

(ii) Induction of professionalism in the management. To begin with, highly qualified 24 management trainees have been engaged to whom the detailed in-service training is being imparted before posting them on responsible positions;

(iii) Manning of Vigilance Cell by experts on deputation; and

(iv) Broad-basing of sources of recruitment to man operational posts.

(c) As for meeting the growing traffic requirements, DTC has planned augmentation of fleet by acquiring 408 buses during the current year. The steps are taken for improvement of maintenance facilities thereby improving the carrying capacity of existing fleet, vehicle utilization, fleet utilization and reduction in number of breakdowns. The operational efficiency is also planned to be stepped up by intensifying line checking and monitoring of operations.

Poor amenities for Participants of National Cultural Festival

*339. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' on the 8th November, 1986 under the caption "poor amenities at tent city";

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, indicating the authority incharge of the tent city;

(c) what is the amount earmarked for providing facilities in the tent city; and

(d) what efforts were made to improve the conditions?